

Independent Book Reaction #2 - Due Date Friday 10/9/09

The book you select for this reaction can be any title from the realistic fiction genre that is at your “just right” reading level or above. The reaction for this book will deal with the traits of realistic fiction that we have discussed in class.

Realistic Fiction can be characterized by the following traits:

- Portrays life as it really is
- Focuses on ordinary people and situations
- Multi-dimensional characters (that means they are not all good nor are they all bad-they have both good and bad qualities)
- Sometimes focuses on local color (stories focus on the customs, scenery, & characters of regional America)
- Setting: enhances the story
- Uses dialect
- A strong, interesting, & believable plot centers around a problem that a young person might really have (problem may not be resolved easily)
- Worthwhile theme: the reader is left with something to think about
- Popular themes: family relationships, friends, society, body & self, love

For this reaction you will provide justification for why the book you read is classified as realistic fiction. Please include 5-6 examples of the traits listed above. Include quotes and page numbers from the story to support your reasoning. It is recommended that as you read the book you place post it notes at sections you think might work well. Then when the book is finished, you can review your post its and pick the best examples to include in your reaction.